Theſe Twins were exactly like one another; very well featured, having alſo pretty neat and handſome Limbs. They had their hair more than ordinarily thick, and about half an Inch long, and the nails full grown.

We might have proceeded to further Obſervations, but time and the tumultuous concourſe of people, as alſo the night, and likewiſe the Fathers importunity to haſten the Birth to the Grave, hindred us.

The Mother is at this time in as good a Condition of Health, as Women in Child-bed uſe to be.

Obſervations on Inſects, lodging themſelves in Old Willows, Produced before the Royal Society *by Dr.* Edmund King, *July* 14. 1670.

—YOu may remember, that about the *beginning* of *May* laſt, a piece of old Willow-wood, being ſent me from Sir *John Bernhard* out of *Northamptonſhire*, was produced before you; in which were lodged many Inſects curiouſly wrapt up in green Leaves, in ſeveral channels or burrows, each with 12. 14. or 16. leaves round the Body, and ſeveral of them with as many little round bites of leaves at each end, to ſtop them up cloſe. Theſe, thus made up, are near an Inch long or the beſt part of an inch, put in one after another into a bore made in the wood, fit for their reception. They are in the manner of Cartrages of Powder, wherewith Piſtols are wont to be Charged, or like long ſlugs of lead, as are ſometimes uſed in ſome parts of thoſe burrows; they are placed ſo near one another as to touch; in others, at ſome conſiderable diſtance. Theſe Inſects obſerve this method in placing themſelves, that ſometimes they make a direct way into the length of the wood, ſometimes they bore out into the ſide, and run another way, thoſe Channels being not unlike the burrows of Rabbets; all which they fill up with theſe round appearances of wrapt leaves, all regularly wrought: In which I find either ſomething alive, or appearances of ſomething that hath dyed there, and is putrified: In ſome a great number of Mites,

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of a dark aſh-colour, ſhap'd not unlike common Mites; in others, I find ſeeming excrements of ſome ſmall Inſect, with the decayed parts of the dead Inſect; in others, white Maggots, which you ſaw. Some of theſe Maggots I took out of their *Theca* or bagg, and put them in warm places in the Sun; and they thereupon grew ſomething bigger, but changed not ſhape nor colour, but dyed. The reſt I kept cloſe in a box till the eighth of *July* preſent: then I took one of them out of the wood, and open'd the leaves, and felt ſomething ſtir, hearing alſo an humming noiſe like that of a Bee; and as ſoon as I had open'd the *Theca*, a perfect Bee did fly out againſt my window, as ſtrongly as a common Bee out of an Hive, having much of the colour and bigneſſe of thoſe when they are new Flyers. Then being pleaſed at the ſight, I took five more (all I had left) and put them in a Box into my Pocket, to ſhew them the Lord *Brouncker*, before they were taken out, or had eaten their way out; but his Lordſhip not being at home, I brought them back again; and they being diſturbed, they all eat themſelves out; and coming home, they were all creeping about my Box, and are ſince dead there, and are theſe, I here preſent to your View. They have all ſtings as other Bees have. I had ſome thoughts at firſt ſight, by the yellowiſh Circles under their Bellies, that they might be a ſort of Waſps; but now am of opinion, that they are common Bees.